(b) what quantity in gallons per day per member does it work out;

(c) are the Government satisfied with the above ratio;

(d) are the public satisfied with the present supply or were there any representations from them; and if so, what steps have so far been taken to remedy the grievances?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Dry months:—80,000 gallons per day.

Rest of the period:—66,000 gallons per day.

(b) About 2 gallons per head per day.

(c) This is sufficient for cooking and drinking purposes.

(d) The Municipality has pointed out that the present supply is inadequate but under existing conditions it is not possible to increase the supply. The question of increasing the supply is engaging the attention of the Government.

Supply of water to steamers—basis for.

343. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if there is any schedule with regard to the quantity of water to be supplied to steamers with special reference to their tonnage or crew;

(b) if not, what is the procedure adopted in the supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Water is supplied according to requirements from the steamers.

Street hydrants in Mattancheri—insufficiency of.

344. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Are the Government aware that within the Mattancheri Municipal limits there are roads without water-pipes; and if so, why have they been left out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Water pipes have been laid by Government on all main roads. The rest of the roads have to be provided with water mains at the Municipality's cost. (The Municipality has not taken it up for want of funds.)

Chowghat—Pattambi road and Kaniyampal road—Kunnamkulam.

345. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reason for increasing the 'half a cent of land from the compound of Thanda' as mentioned in Diwan's Order No.

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448/08, dated 21st December 1932, to one cent as mentioned in Cochin Government Gazette, dated 14th Edavam 1108, Part I, page 1035, where the notification No. 363, dated 7th Edavam for acquisition is published;

(2) has not the said Thanda put in petitions objecting to the increase in extent;

(2) have any enquiries been made or orders passed; if so, what?

Mr. U. Kandir Menon.—(1) The extent in the Gazette notification dated 7th Edavam 1108, is the correct one, got after proper computation of the area by the Land Record Office as per the alignment fixed by the Public Health Department. The extent noted in the order is only approximate.

(2) Yes.

(3) No enquiries were necessary as the increase in extent was only due to correct computation of area.

Kurumbilavu river—taking new course.

346. Mr. C.A. Ouseph.—Is the Government aware that the advent of the new canal has aided the river to wash and eat away large portion of land in Kurumbilavu and that a new course for the river is gradually being shaped through lands owned by the Kalarikkal family in Kurumbilavu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have not constructed a new canal in Kurumbilavu. The old Chirakkal thodu was widened during the last two years. Government have no information regarding the encroachment of the river on lands owned by the Kalarikkal family.

Gold flag staff—newspaper article on—action regarding.

347. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have noted the article "ക്ഷേത്രം കൊടിമരം കൈരളി മാറ്റം" in the Sahodaran of Mithunam 24, 1108;

(b) what their respective position is regarding the points raised therein;

(c) what action they have taken thereon;

(d) what more action they intend to take in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c) and (d) Since the work is one relating to Devaswam, Government regret that they cannot answer the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, why this question was admitted at all if it is a matter concerning the Devaswam Department?

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